



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. R8-2003-0074 REQUESTING THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD TO REQUIRE SPECIFIED VESSEL TERMINALS IN HUNTINGTON HARBOUR AND NEWPORT BAY TO INSTALL AND PROPERLY MAINTAIN PUMP-OUT STATIONS AND DUMP STATIONS

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of a resolution requesting the State Water Resources Control Board to require specified vessel terminals to install and properly maintain pump-out stations and dump stations in Huntington Harbour and Newport Bay. The basis for the request is a Pump-out Facility Need Report (Report) prepared by Regional Board staff. The Report provides an assessment of the current program addressing vessel sewage waste in Newport Bay and Huntington Harbour. The Report finds that the current programs addressing vessel sewage waste discharges from vessels with installed toilets and portable toilets are inadequate and proposes that additional pump-out stations and dump stations be installed in both Huntington Harbour and Newport Bay. The pump-out stations would address sewage discharges from vessels with installed toilets and the dump stations would address sewage discharges from vessels with portable toilets. The Report also proposes operation and maintenance requirements for the pump-out stations and dump stations, proposes requirements addressing potential sewage discharges from live-aboards, and includes an education and outreach component. The Report also includes a proposed compliance schedule.

The Regional Board is seeking comments on this matter and, toward that end, will conduct a public hearing as follows:

Date: August 22, 2003
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Orange County Water District
10500 Ellis Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA

The proposed Pump-out Facility Need Report, and staff reports that discuss this issue will be available after July 25, 2003. Copies may be obtained upon request to Board staff at (909)782-4130 or from the Regional Board's website at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb8>. These reports may also be reviewed at the Regional Board office located at 3737 Main Street, Suite 500, Riverside, California, by appointment scheduled between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the Regional Board office at (909)782-4130. For additional information please contact Pavlova Vitale at (909)782-4920. Please bring this matter to the attention of those known to you with an interest in this matter.

Public participation is an important part of this process. The Regional Board will accept written and oral testimony at or prior to the hearing. For the sake of the accuracy of the record, written copies of oral comments are requested. Comments should be submitted to Pavlova Vitale at the Regional Board office address listed above or by e-mail pvitale@rb8.swrcb.ca.gov. Written responses to comments received by August 11, 2003 will be prepared.

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodations to participate in the Regional Board Public Hearing should contact Barbara Laffoon at (909)782-3285 no later than August 1, 2003.

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